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SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF M'BOW FOR UNESCO DG

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1. PERMREP JUST INFORMED BY PHONE BY JACK FOBES THAT DG HAS HAD TO CANCEL ALL APPOINTMENTS TODAY DUE TO ILLNESS. THIS PREVENTS PERMREP FROM INFORMING DG IN ADVANCE PLANS RE M'BOW. HOWEVER DG STILL EXPECTS BE IN N.Y. MON. FOR OPENING CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS AT UN. ALTERNATIVES WOULD SEEM TO BE: (1) ANNOUNCE AS PLANNED ON TUES. AND INFORM DG WHEN HE RETURNS ON APRIL 22 OF OUR GOOD INTENT TO GIVE HIM PRIOR NOTICE;

(2) COMMUNICATE WITH HIM IN N.Y. NEXT WEEK EITHER BY CABLE OR BY PERSONAL VISIT;

(3) POSTPONE M'BOW ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL APRIL 22ND OR 23RD.

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2. DEPT. MAY WISH CONSIDER OPTION (3) EVEN THOUGH PUTS THINGS OFF A WEEK. DG WILL BE GOING TO N.Y. TO ATTEND CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WITH HEADS OF OTHER UN AGENCIES. HE PROBABLY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY OFFENDED IF, WHILE HE WAS MEETING WITH HIS COLLEAGUES OUTSIDE OF PARIS, THE US WERE TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR RIVAL CANDIDATE. AS PERMREP, AFTER TALKING AT LENGTH WITH FOBES, HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE CANCELLATION APPOINTMENT DUE OTHER THAN ILLNESS AND SINCE NEXT WEEK IS SHORT WEEK DUE TO NATIONAL HOLIDAY MONDAY, POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO FIRST OF WEEK OF APRIL 22ND MIGHT BE BEST COURSE OF ACTION. FOBES STRESSED SERIOUSNESS DG ATTACHES TO THIS N.Y. TRIP AS HIS "FINAL APPEARANCE" WITH OTHER TOP UN OFFICIALS AS DG/UNESCO.

3. SENEGAL REP. UNESCO SENGHOR WILL BE IN TO SEE PERMREP ON TUESDAY TO FORMALLY GIVE US THE COPY OF THE OAU RESOLUTION (WHICH WE HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY OBTAINED) SO WAITING UNTIL MAHEU COMES BACK MAY NOT UNDULY DELAY OUR PLANS.

4. PLS. ADVISE.
IRWIN

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